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The following U.S. Patent references may be considered relevant to the subject matter of the present application.

Des. 414,517	4,498,199	5,713,077
885,802	4,683,588	5,970,522
2,000,242	4,690,653	6,035,447
2,724,769	4,987,615	6,093,475
3,074,205	5,177,812	6,163,887
4,282,680	5,323,492	6,244,725
4,397,701	5,465,427	6,374,424
4,400,591	5,546,604	6,397,395

Also enclosed is a copy of European Patent No. EP 0 123 413.

It is requested that the Examiner also make of record the following:

In 1996 Party Professionals did a series of masks in latex called "ACTION MASKS". Three of the masks in this line were double molded in latex. The masks appeared in the 1996 Party Professional catalog under catalog numbers 90281, 90282 and 90283.

In 1997 the Don Post catalog features two masks, the 80550 Moon Dog and 80551.

In 1976 Don Post Studio Inc. made a vacuum formed "top of the head" (separately molded plastic) revealing an exposed brain. The mask was called Frankenstein 2001. That same year a mask called "The Fly" and another Death Cyborg were manufactured using vacuum formed plastic with see through eyes being separately molded.

The Darth Vader mask produced by Don Post Studios Inc. and Party Professionals from 1977 to 2001 included double molded plastic, with the helmet and faceplate overlapping. These two parts were separately molded. Also, the Stormtrooper mask included some separately molded plastic portions. The Stormtrooper mask first appeared in 1977 with vacuum formed eye inserts, which were later replaced with injection molded plastic. The Darth Vader mask also included injection molded eyes.


A copy of each reference that is not a U.S. patent or U.S. published application is submitted herewith. Copies of the U.S. patents and published applications need not be submitted pursuant to 1276 OG 55 (August 5, 2003).

It is requested that the Examiner review the references listed on the accompanying Form 1449, and make them of record in the present application as required by M.P.E.P. § 609. It is further requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute Form 1449, and return one copy to the Applicants' undersigned representative with the next communication.

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